

Ravalli County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

<i>School Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	2,203	1,041	8	2	18	10	19	11	53	25	77	42
10 to 14	2,656	1,309	8	4	33	20	19	10	63	34	83	44
15 to 19	2,898	1,344	4	2	48	26	12	7	64	36	109	47
20 to 24	2,239	1,054	13	6	39	17	12	4	43	19	73	42
Total	9,996	4,748	33	14	138	73	62	32	223	114	342	175

<i>Working Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
15+	30,676	15,520	48	18	341	177	152	87	322	176	600	321
15-64	24,786	12,442	43	16	310	159	127	72	291	160	561	300
20+	27,778	14,176	44	16	293	151	140	80	258	140	491	274
20-64	21,888	11,098	39	14	262	133	115	65	227	124	452	253

<i>Other Age Group</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
0 to 4	1,976	929	3	1	19	8	6	2	39	19	65	20
5 to 19	7,757	3,694	20	8	99	56	50	28	180	95	269	133
20 to 44	10,797	5,446	30	13	150	73	71	39	140	74	306	169
45 to 64	11,091	5,652	9	1	112	60	44	26	87	50	146	84
65+	5,890	3,078	5	2	31	18	25	15	31	16	39	21
Total	37,511	18,799	67	25	411	215	196	110	477	254	825	427

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

Top 20 Private Employers in Ravalli County Listed in Alphabetical Order

<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>	<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>
A2Z Personnel & Nolan Temps	6	Marcus Daly Hospital	7
Albertson's	6	Neville Log Homes	5
Apex Human Resources (payroll services)	5	North Valley Health Care (nursing home)	5
Bitterroot Valley Ambulance Services	5	Pioneer Log Homes	5
Corixa Corporation (research center)	6	Ravalli Services (vocational rehabilitation agency)	5
Custom Log Homes	5	Rocky Mountain Log Homes	5
Discovery Care Center (nursing home)	6	Selway Corporation (steel fabrication)	5
Farmers State Bank	6	Stravina Operating (wholesale nondurable)	5
Fox Lumber sales	5	Super 1 Foods	6
Kmart	5	Valley View Nursing Home	5

Employment Size Class Coding 7=250-499 employees; 6=100-249 employees; 5=50-99 employees

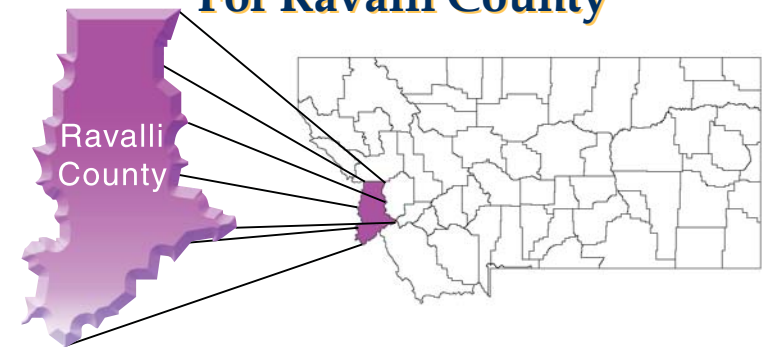
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Fourth Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

MONTANA Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Market Information

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For Ravalli County



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Located in western Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's seventh most populous with 39,376 residents, according to the 2004 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. Hamilton, the county seat, is the state's 19th largest city with a population of 4,163, according to the 2003 estimates. According to the 2000 Census, more than 20 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work.

Agriculture is important to the area's economy. Ravalli County is number one in Montana for the largest number of farms and ranches and largest number of beef cattle farms and ranches (see inside table). The cattle industry is the number one agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

The 2004 Employment by Industry table (see inside) shows nearly 20 percent of the covered employment is in the government sector, followed by retail trade with 17 percent of the total private employment. Manufacturing is an important sector with nearly 12 percent of total employment, which is about double the statewide percentage. Slightly more than half of the county's manufacturing is in wood products manufacturing. Health care is also noticeable in the private sector with about 13 percent of the total private employment.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Ravalli County households in 2002 was \$33,652, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income addresses the per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004 Estimate	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2003-2004	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2004	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Ravalli County	39,376	38,743	37,753	36,070	25,010	1.6%	2.6%	9.2%	7.4%	44.2%
Darby	NA	785	751	710	663	NA	4.5%	NA	5.8%	7.1%
Hamilton	NA	4,163	3,952	3,705	2,737	NA	5.3%	NA	6.7%	35.4%
Pinesdale	NA	823	805	742	532	NA	2.2%	NA	8.5%	39.5%
Stevensville	NA	1,784	1,726	1,553	1,221	NA	3.4%	NA	11.1%	27.2%

2000 Ravalli County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Ravalli County	County of Work	# Who Live in Ravalli County
Out of State	98	Out of State	231
Beaverhead County	5	Beaverhead County	6
Cascade County	2	Flathead County	28
Deer Lodge County	11	Gallatin County	16
Flathead County	2	Jefferson County	4
Gallatin County	22	Lake County	63
Granite County	3	Lewis & Clark County	14
Hill County	8	Mineral County	28
Lake County	10	Missoula County	3,178
Lewis & Clark County	2	Park County	4
Mineral County	4	Ravalli County	11,766
Missoula County	900	Sanders County	4
Ravalli County	11,766	Yellowstone County	20
Sanders County	17		
Silver Bow County	2		
Yellowstone County	17		

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Person 16 Years and Older-Ravalli County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	15,730	8,184	7,546
Management, professional, and related occupations:	5,068	2,502	2,566
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	1,956	1,211	745
Management, except farmers and farm managers	1,156	731	425
Farmers and farm managers	344	272	72
Business and financial operations occupations:	456	208	248
Professional and related occupations:	3,112	1,291	1,821
Education, training, and library occupations	882	250	632
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	786	163	623
Service occupations:	2,433	751	1,682
Protective service occupations:	132	96	36
Food preparation and serving related occupations	815	210	605
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	537	303	234
Personal care and service occupations	588	127	461
Sales and office occupations:	3,772	1,097	2,675
Sales and related occupations	1,688	838	850
Office and administrative support occupations	2,084	259	1,825
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	375	251	124
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:	2,217	2,164	53
Construction and extraction occupations:	1,440	1,411	29
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	777	753	24
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	1,865	1,419	446
Production occupations	1,055	758	297
Motor vehicle operators	485	394	91
Material moving workers	238	180	58

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eeo 2001.



Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



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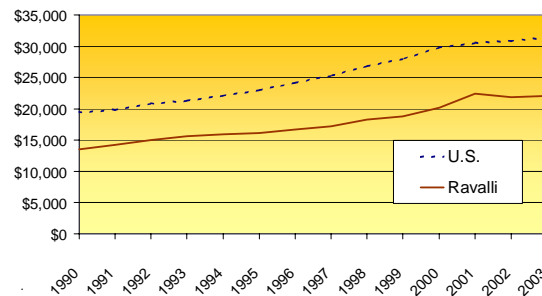
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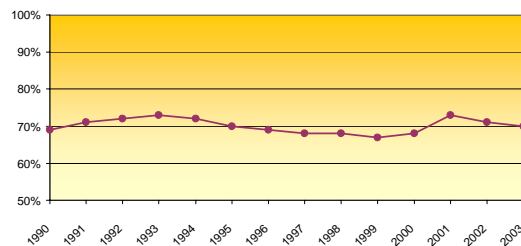
Be sure to check our location quotients for Ravalli County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Ravalli County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Ravalli County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Ravalli County than in the nation as a whole.

Ravalli County Per Capita Personal Income

Per Capita Personal Income



Percent of National Average



Year	U.S.	Ravalli County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Ravalli County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$22,041	70%	1996	\$24,175	\$16,710	69%
2002	\$30,804	\$21,852	71%	1995	\$23,076	\$16,120	70%
2001	\$30,575	\$22,406	73%	1994	\$22,172	\$15,949	72%
2000	\$29,847	\$20,188	68%	1993	\$21,346	\$15,638	73%
1999	\$27,939	\$18,764	67%	1992	\$20,854	\$15,000	72%
1998	\$26,883	\$18,339	68%	1991	\$19,892	\$14,217	71%
1997	\$25,334	\$17,200	68%	1990	\$19,477	\$13,514	69%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Ravalli County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	1,441
Oilseed & Grain Farming	32
Vegetable & Melon Farming	11
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	45
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	36
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	380
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	444
Cattle Feedlots	22
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	11
Hog & Pig Farming	11
Poultry & Egg Production	10
Sheep & Goat Farming	59
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	380

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at: <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chamber of Commerce:

Bitterroot Valley Chamber, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400, <http://www.bvchamber.com>

Department of Labor and Industry:

Bitterroot Job Service Workforce Center

333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-1822, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/hamilton/>

Economic Development:

Ravalli County Economic Development Authority, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-375-9416

Housing Costs:

Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors, 206 E. Ravalli, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2945

Internet:

Check the Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Grantsdale, Hamilton, Pinesdale, Stevensville, Sula, and Victor, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Stevensville-102 Main St., Suite A, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-4388

Ravalli County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	19,369	18,397	972	5.0%
2003	19,184	18,205	979	5.1%
2002	18,778	17,884	894	4.8%
2001	18,808	17,988	820	4.4%
2000	17,653	16,751	902	5.1%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

Newspapers:

Ravalli Republic, 232 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3300,
<http://www.ravallineews.com/>
The Bitterroot Star, 215 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3928,
<http://www.bitterrootstar.com/>

Public Libraries:

Darby Community Public Library, 101 1/2 S. Marshall St., Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-4771
 Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State St., Hamilton, MT 59840-2759, 406-363-1670
 North Valley Public Library, 208 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5061

Ravalli County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Corvallis K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 700, Corvallis, MT 59828, 406-961-4211
 Darby K-12 Schools, 209 School Drive, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3841
 Florence-Carlton K-12 Schools, 5602 Old Highway 93, Florence, MT 59833, 406-273-6751
 Hamilton K-12 Schools, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2280
 Lone Rock Elementary, 1112 Three Mile Creek Road, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3314
 Stevensville Public Schools, 300 Park St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5481
 Victor K-12 Schools, 425 4th Ave., Victor, MT 59875, 406-642-3221

Ravalli County Employment by Industry* Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Estab- lishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,564	10,621	\$258,864,390	Truck Transportation	31	151	\$3,886,729
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,495	8,565	\$195,121,515	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	4	53	\$414,837
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	67	291	\$6,292,148	Support Activities for Transportation	13	26	\$631,399
Crop Production	9	131	\$2,704,446	INFORMATION	25	97	\$2,291,097
Animal Production	16	59	\$1,136,664	Publishing Industries, Except Internet	9	34	\$628,031
Forestry & Logging	29	79	\$2,002,432	Telecommunications	7	38	\$1,326,142
MINING	5		DISCLOSURE ISSUE	FINANCE & INSURANCE	53	379	\$12,740,574
UTILITIES	5	38	\$2,018,988	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	21	270	\$8,768,204
CONSTRUCTION	306	872	\$23,471,876	Securities, Commodities, Contracts, Investments	9	23	\$1,528,168
Construction of Buildings	117	333	\$9,842,723	Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	23	86	\$2,444,202
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	15	32	\$1,433,450	REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	59	106	\$1,698,178
Specialty Trade Contractors	175	507	\$12,195,703	Real Estate	52	87	\$1,561,636
MANUFACTURING	100	981	\$31,474,601	Rental & Leasing Services	7	19	\$136,542
Food Manufacturing	8	48	\$808,029	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	122	447	\$15,663,102
Wood Product Manufacturing	28	524	\$19,560,347	MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	5	14	\$521,637
Printing & Related Support Activities	4	11	\$205,105	ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	66	427	\$8,018,105
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	17	159	\$5,077,793	Administrative & Support Services	62	387	\$6,817,909
Machinery Manufacturing	3	8	\$134,221	Waste Management & Remediation Services	5	40	\$1,200,196
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	4	34	\$846,922	PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12	87	\$1,430,267
Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	10	22	\$342,153	PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	95	1,133	\$26,683,560
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	9	61	\$1,548,472	Ambulatory Health Care Services	54	307	\$6,177,230
WHOLESALE TRADE	63	300	\$9,719,727	Hospitals	1		DISCLOSURE ISSUE
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	26	137	\$5,200,889	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	10	265	\$4,576,949
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	17	117	\$2,854,078	Social Assistance	31		DISCLOSURE ISSUE
Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	21	45	\$1,664,760	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	44	265	\$4,455,630
RETAIL TRADE	172	1,476	\$26,605,600	Amusements, Gambling & Recreation	39	253	\$4,226,822
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	20	158	\$3,882,548	ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	111	987	\$9,755,592
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	15	74	\$1,331,538	Accommodation	25	158	\$2,554,604
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	28	185	\$3,767,080	Food Services & Drinking Places	87	829	\$7,200,988
Food & Beverage Stores	19	535	\$9,456,675	OTHER SERVICES	132	419	\$6,940,325
Health & Personal Care Stores	10	97	\$2,448,237	Repair & Maintenance	48	136	\$3,057,700
Gasoline Stations	17	150	\$1,778,006	Personal & Laundry Services	22	67	\$884,928
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	7	31	\$420,990	Membership Associations & Organizations	39	157	\$1,790,375
Sporting Good, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	16	58	\$626,582	Private Households	23	59	\$1,207,322
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	24	79	\$868,578	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	69	2,056	\$63,742,875
Nonstore Retailers	5	10	\$230,482	Local Government	34	1,365	\$32,713,647
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	52	233	\$5,034,924	State Government	15	163	\$5,482,076
				Federal Government	20	527	\$25,547,152

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.